(*b*) Increase of about Rs. 1·26 lakhs is provided under English and Vernacular School Education, chiefly on account of the appointment of additional teachers consequent on the increase in the number of classes and divisions of classes.

(*c*) Under grants-in-aid, there is an excess of nearly Rs. ½ lakh. It may be pointed out that, out of the total allotment of Rs. 8·07 lakhs under grants, Rs. ·45 lakh is for compensating private school managers for the fee concessions which may be allowed by them to the depressed and educationally backward classes.

Devaswom expenditure next year is expected to be Rs. 4·74 lakhs less than the revised estimate owing chiefly to the absence of the Murajapam. The provision under P. W. D. is Rs. 2·66 lakhs in excess of the revised estimate of the current year The reason for the excess has been already explained by me. I would, however, like to mention one point, *viz.*, that from next year the expenditure on military works and that for the construction of Anchal buildings will not be included in the P. W. D budget, but will be provided under the heads "Army" and "Anchal—Capital account" respectively. I mention this as the fact has to be borne in mind in comparing the allotments from 1100 onwards with those of previous years. The increase of Rs. ·94 lakh under Army is mainly due to a difference in accounting, it being proposed to include in the military budget, in future, the expenditure on military works as well as military pensions. The apparent saving of Rs. ·53 lakh under superannuation allowances and pensions is due to the reason just stated. The budget estimate under Miscellaneous is Rs. ·90 lakh less than the current year's anticipated expenditure. This is chiefly on account of the fact that our expenditure next year on the British Empire Exhibition is expected to be only Rs. 10,000 as against Rs. 90,000 in the current year.

Now, Sir, I shall bring my remarks to a close. It is possible, as I have already indicated, that the current and the next year may be deficit years; but I would ask the members not to be alarmed about it as the deficits will be only temporary and due to abnormal causes. When our normal financial position, now obscured by the catastrophic floods, is restored, I am sure that it will not be found to be wanting in either soundness or stability. I would also assure the Council that our present resources in cash, short-dated bank deposits and investments in Government securities are quite adequate to meet our present requirements.

I am sorry that, owing to unavoidable causes, it has not been possible to supply printed copies of my speech now. I think I shall be able to issue it in the coure of the day.

LEGISLATION.

The Chitties Regulation Amendment Bill.

PRESIDENT: We will proceed to the consideration of the Chitties Regulation Amendment Bill.

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[Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.]

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I beg to move that the Chitties Regulation Amendment Bill be taken up for consideration by the House. It was introduced at the last meeting of the Council, and it was then considered not necessary to refer it to a Select Committee. The Bill itself consists of only one Section and it does not stand in need of any amendment. No motion of amendments has been received. Under these circumstances, I think it may be read now.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I second it.

PRESIDENT: The Chitties Regulation Amendment Bill has been proposed for consideration and the proposal has been seconded. I take it that the House accepts the motion.

The motion was carried.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I beg to move that the Bill be read again in this House on a future occasion of which due notice will be given.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I beg to second it.

The Council adjourned at 12-25 P. M. to meet again at 11-30 A. M. the next day.

S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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